



Converse County Library Bridges

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From the Rock in the Glen

It has been a very interesting autumn, so far. School has started and with it, StoryTime! Attendance is keeping up with where it left off this past spring and everyone sure seems to be enjoying themselves.

October with a lot of happy kids enjoying their free book.



Winnie the Pooh birthday party

In preparation for his octogenarian celebration in 2006, we had a small 79th birthday party for Winnie the Pooh on Saturday, October 22. A modest sized group of 35 of his closest

Glenrock friends attended. After a brief recap of his early days, an amusing tale or two were related, followed by cake and punch. So much fun was had, we're all looking forward to celebrating his big 80th birthday next year. Happy Birthday Winnie, and many more to come!

There a couple of events planned for December. The second RIF distribution is scheduled for December 6 and 8.

There will be a Children's Christmas party in December that will include the Glenrock High School Speech Team as part of the entertainment for the kids.

The initial RIF (Reading Is FUNdamental) distribution was done over two days early in



RIF distribution October 4, 2005

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Special points of interest:

- Teen Movie/Trivia Night November 3 & 17
- Children's Book Week November 14-20
- Closed November 24 & 25 for Thanksgiving
- Game/Movie Night starts December 1st
- Closed December 26 for Christmas Holiday

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Celebrate Children's Book Week

Since 1919, educators, librarians, booksellers, and families have celebrated Children's Book Week during the week before Thanksgiving. Children's books and the love of reading are celebrated with storytelling, parties, author and illustrator appearances, and other book related events.

In 1912, Franklin K. Mathews, recently appointed librarian of the Boy Scouts of America, considered the possibility of the Scout organization taking the initiative in giving new direction to boys' reading.

Mathews enlisted two important allies: Frederic G. Melcher, editor of Publishers' Weekly, and Anne Carroll Moore, the Superintendent of Children's Works at the

New York Public Library. Together, with the American Booksellers Association and the American Library Association, they sponsored a Good Book Week with the slogan, "The Best Books for Your Child."

By 1944, children's book publishers had created the Association of Children's Book Editors. The Association established the Children's

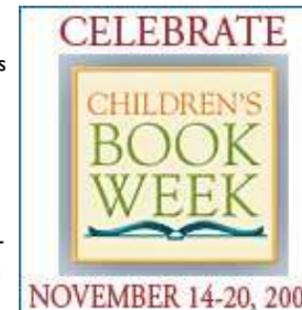
Book Council to administer Children's Book Week and to serve as a year-round promotion and information center about children's books and children's book publishing. Today, as in the past, the selection of the slogan, the artists,

and the development of promotional ideas is handled by a Children's Book Week Committee.

The need for Children's Book Week today is as essential as it

was in 1919, and the task remains the realization of Frederic Melcher's crucial goal: "Book Week brings us together to talk about books and reading and, out of our knowledge and

love of books, to put the cause of children's reading squarely before the whole community and, community by community, across the whole nation. For a great nation is a reading nation."



Booksale results

The Converse County Library Foundation Booksale was held October 3-8. They raised over \$2,000 to go towards the purchase of special collections, special projects, or other areas in need which are not covered by the regular library budget.

The library foundation is a separate board, consisting of members

of the Douglas and Glenrock communities. Their focus is to raise funds for the library to purchase unexpected materials and to promote the library services.

The homemade soup cleared \$179.00. That is a 60% increase from last year. This was a crowd pleaser so they will probably continue combining these projects.

Thanks to the efforts of Jo & Fred Teal the library was happy to be able to donate left over materials to go to the hurricane victims in Mississippi.

Lastly, they would like to thank the community for its outstanding support, whether donating or purchasing materials, they appreciate the community's involvement.

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Karen's Korner

Recently someone asked where the term "leaf peeping" first arose.

According to *Wikipedia* "Leaf peeping is an activity that one might partake in during autumn in areas where the foliage changes colors. It is the act of admiring foliage for its beauty. A person who leaf peeps is called a leaf peeper. Leaf peepers are often tourists and are known for driving slowly on public roads."

Seemingly first coined in the 1980's, the custom of leaf-peeping provides a "second season" for tourism. New England is the center of the phenomenon as poplar, birch, and maples display vibrant hues of red, orange, and yellow in early October. While some areas of the country may be celebrating Columbus Day, others point to this weekend as the highlight of the fall foliage

season. Southern and Midwestern states are also capitalizing on the activity as a boost to the economy. Whatever contributes to the brilliance of the fall foliage, whether sunlight, rainfall, temperature, soil composition, winter's length, or summer's brevity, leaf-peeping contributes billions of dollars to local economies while we enjoy nature's splendor.

Even before the birth of the term, "leaf-peeping," literature and history expressed the majesty and beauty of autumn. As far back as the seventeenth century William Bradford, governor of the Puritan colony at Plymouth, remarked that in the fall "the whole country, full of woods and thickets, represented a wild and savage hue." During the Civil War a New York Herald reporter on the march with General George McClellan's army, described his surround-

ings: "Small farms, better tilled than any I have before seen, lay all along the valley, and the white cottages dotted along the base of the mountains so majestically grand in the autumn foliage, render the scene truly magnificent." American novelist James Fenimore Cooper also described "the vivid tints which grace the autumn of our own dear America."

If you are not able to make a trip to one of the "must-see" leaf-peeping areas of the United States, you can check it out online at home or at your local library. Suggested sites like "MainFoliage.com," "enjoyindiana.com," or private Web pages such as "nyfallfoliage.com," and "gorp.away.com" can let you plan your own autumn expedition or simply enjoy the magnificence of the season in the comfort of your own home.



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One Hundred Years Strong and Still Growing

With one hundred years of service (1905-2005), the Converse County Library isn't showing signs of old age. Well, maybe, just in our physical facilities, but that's another story.

In 2004-05, annual visits to county libraries grew by twelve percent as approximately 10,800 more people utilized the county libraries services this past year. Library circulation jumped thirteen per-

cent as more than 13,000 items were checked out over the previous year's totals. Leading the growth were computer/internet usage, young adult materials, and video/DVD circulation. Both adult and juvenile circulation usage increased in the ten percent range. A heart-felt thank you to all our patrons who made 2004-05 another outstanding year.

Year in Review

County Population: 12,330
Registered Patrons: 8,430
2004-05 Circulation: 117,641
Library Visitors: 88,439
Items in Collection 59,312
Total Book Circulation 69,046
Total Audio Circulation 10,311
Total Video/DVD Circulation 14,921
Computer/Equipment Usage: 19,567
Interlibrary loans sent: 623
Interlibrary loans received: 354
Tax Appropriation (04-05) \$375,000

Student Research Center™ available to patrons

The library provides access to information that is available through our online databases. In this issue we are promoting *Student Research Center*™.

The *Student Research Center*™ provides students with easy, yet powerful access to the same high-quality secondary school databases that they have come to depend upon with EBSCO.

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with their search. They can also search their databases by topic heading, make use of an online dictionary and encyclopedia, explore the top searches of the day, and even limit their search according to appropriate Lexile reading levels.

Visit our online catalog at <http://wyldweb.state.wy.us/conv/> or ask a librarian for further information.



WLA/MPLA Conference

Recently, the Wyoming Library Association in conjunction with the Mountain Plains Library Association held their annual conference in Jackson Hole. The theme for this joint conference was *Beyond Borders: Imagination, Innovation, Inspiration*.

Candy Zechiel, a library board trustee, and Karen Hopkins, the library director, enjoyed the Legislative Luncheon program *An Offer They Can't Refuse: Community Based Librarianship* with Jamie LaRue. They also received a lot of useful

information from *Trustees Are Trainable...and Library Directors Need Love, Too*.

Paul Pidde, the Glenrock Branch Manager, was impressed with the information he received from *Library Services for Older Adults*.

The Glenrock Children's Librarian, Rita Heath, attended the day-long program by Dr. Peggy Sharp—*What's New in Children's Literature & How To Use It in Your Programs*. She also enjoyed the *Children's Author Luncheon with Dorothy Henshaw Patent: Thirty*

Years of Writing for Children.

The *Challenges and Opportunities in Planning a One Book, One Community Event* was attended by Lisa Daly of Douglas. This is a program the library is planning in the near future.

These conferences give librarians the opportunity to meet and network with others around the state and region. We were fortunate enough to have received an LSTA Grant that enabled our trustee to attend a library conference for the first time.

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Teen Happenings

The library has recently purchased a movie licensing agreement. This will allow us to enhance and develop the library's programming, using major entertainment movies without copyright infringement.

For our first movie we will be showing Lemony Snicket's Series of Unfortunate Events at 5:00 p.m. on November 3. Our next movie will be *Herbie Fully Loaded* on November 17 at 5:00 p.m. Prepare for a fun time of movies, trivia and treats.

October 16-22 was Teen Read Week. Teens were encouraged to vote online for their favorite young adult book. Over 2400 online ballots were cast and the results determined the final ranking of the 10 top books of the year selected by teen readers.

Novels topping the list of the 2005 Teen's Top Ten include:
1. *Girls In Pants: The Third Summer of the Sisterhood* by Ann Brashares
2. *The Truth about Forever* by Sarah Dessen

3. *Looking For Alaska* by John Green
4. *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult
5. *Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblick
6. *Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment* by James Patterson
7. *The Gangsta Rap* by Benjamin Zephaniah
8. *Teen Idol* by Meg Cabot
9. *The Garden* by Elise Aidinoff
10. *How I Paid for College: A Novel of Sex, Theft, Friendship & Musical Theater* by Marc Acito



Between the Lions

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association, continues a collaborative effort with *Between the Lions*™, a PBS children's series that aims to help teach children how to read. The series of 30 half-hour programs is named for a family of lions who run a library like no other on earth. The doors "between the lions" swing open to

reveal a magical place where characters from books can pop off their pages and into the library when you least expect it. The backbone of the series is a comprehensive literacy curriculum, geared to beginning readers ages four to seven. *Between the Lions* combines puppetry, animation, live-action, and music to transform the sometimes-confusing process of learning how to read into an

entertaining adventure for young children and their families.

For more information visit the Lions Web site at www.pbskids.org/lions

Check out a *Between the Lions* video or DVD title today.

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